

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	17873	Agenda Number	98.
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Meeting Date:	8/23/2012	Department:	Solid Waste Services
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed rate and fee changes for the Austin Resource Recovery Department as part of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Proposed Budget.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This action requests City Council to conduct a public hearing to hear public comments on the Austin Resource Recovery rate changes proposed in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget. Council is scheduled to adopt the budget on September 10, 11, and 12, 2012. The City Code in Section 2-5-45 specifically requires a public hearing prior to the City Council approving any changes in electric, water, wastewater, and garbage collection rates.

ARR is proposing a \$0.75 rate adjustment in the monthly fee for the base customer charge, \$0.35 rate adjustment in the monthly fee for the 32 gallon trash cart, \$0.25 rate adjustment in the monthly fee for the 64 gallon trash cart and a \$1.80 rate adjustment in the monthly fee for the 96 gallon trash cart.

ARR is also proposing the introduction of a 24 gallon trash cart (replaces the 21 gallon trash cart) for \$3.85.

These changes are intended to create a financial incentive for customers to decrease their trash volume by recycling more items and downsizing their trash cart capacity.